



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY**

DOE Releases EA and FONSI for the Rocky Flats Site June 2, 2011

The U.S. Department of Energy today announces the availability of the final *Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Project at the Rocky Flats Site Environmental Assessment* (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The final EA and FONSI are available on the DOE Legacy Management Rocky Flats Site website at http://www.lm.doe.gov/Rocky_Flats_NEPA.pdf.

Currently five dams hold surface water in retention ponds that are no longer necessary to site operations. The final EA analyzed the potential impacts related to breaching these remaining dams. The purpose of the approved action is to reduce or eliminate the retention of surface water to return the Rocky Flats surface water flow configuration to approximate original conditions. Returning flows will provide ecological benefits by improving riparian habitat and promoting wetlands. In addition, DOE would reduce or eliminate the inspection and reporting costs associated with meeting dam safety requirements and the management and maintenance costs for upkeep of the dams.

DOE has concluded that all potential impacts from the proposed action can be mitigated and no impacts are considered significant. As a result, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The basis for this determination is described in the FONSI.

Several Federal and State agencies participated in the environmental assessment evaluation and the draft EA was released for public review and comment on April 30, 2010. Following an extensive public involvement process, DOE revised the EA in consideration of the public comments. The final EA includes responses to all comments received.

If you have any difficulty accessing the final EA, FONSI, or other related information, or have any questions, please contact:

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